

Town of Cromwell
Committee to Support People with Disabilities
Regular Meeting, December 4, 2018
7:00 p.m. Town Hall Activities Room
Minutes

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ATTENDANCE- Meagan Ribera, Lucille Wrzos, Heidi Neumann-Venetianer, Jeannine Marron, James Demetriades (Town Council Liason)

ABSENT- John Flanders, Linda Demetriades, Laurie Cantwell

- A. CALL TO ORDER-** Meagan motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:32 pm Lucille seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Meeting called to order.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs Ribera moved to approve the agenda; Mrs Wrzos seconded; no abstentions or opposed. Agenda approved.

Mrs Ribera moved to approve the minutes; Ms Marron seconded; no abstentions or opposed.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Public guest, Lauren Kaminski, mentioned that she hopes that the school dances can become sensory friendly and use inclusive buddy partners

D. NEW BUSINESS

The committee would like to submit information about meetings to the Rare Reminder and Cromwell Chronicle. Information needs to be submitted by the 20th of month. Mrs. Ribera will take the reins on this including the history of the committee, that we are always looking for new members, and information about the time and location of our meetings.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Spread the Word Campaign- Megan Collins who was supposed to come to speak has moved to Florida/ We are looking for people to bring initiative to Cromwell. Looking to reach out to Kim Beckett.

Meagan Ribera shared a draft of what they are giving to teachers at Woodside for future books.

The response from the district leaves feelings of frustration that after 4 months of conversation and giving resources, we are not being heard. That this is an issue that should have been addressed early in the school year before the books with the offensive word is introduced to students. Waiting until the spring, in our opinion, is not acceptable.. Do not combine all of our issues into one day in the spring.

Facebook Community Page needs an 'about us' blurb. We are also looking for submissions to create a logo.

Wording has been discussed and is ready to submit to the Town Council in regards to wording in Cromwell Town Ordinance 82-4 B. We propose to change the words "nor to Seeing Eye dogs properly trained to assist a blind person when such dogs are actually being used by blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place" to "nor Service Dogs trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefits of an individual with a disability".

F. MOTION FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Neumann-Venetianer made a motion to change the date of January's meeting from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday in consideration of the fact that the first Tuesday in January will be New Year's Day. Mrs Wrzos seconded.

G. ADJOURN

Mrs. Marron made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Ms Neumann-Venetianer seconded. Meeting was adjourned.